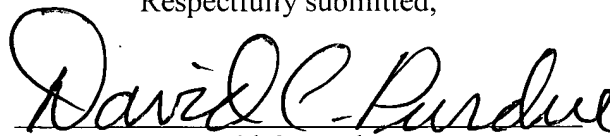


REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to replace the original claims 1 through 6 with claims corresponding with claims 1 through 5 that were annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report for the international PCT application, No. PCT/DE04/002035, on which the present application is based. The five claims that were annexed to the IPER are presented here as new claims 7 through 15 with revisions to eliminate improper multiple dependent claims.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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